

**Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2003:

- A) please consider the responsive Remarks provided herewith in Attachment A; and
- B) please amend the above identified application as follows:
  - Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 22, 2004

Registration No.: 24,082

STITES & HARBISON PLC • 1199 North Fairfax St. • Suite 900 • Alexandria, VA 22314 TEL: 703-739-4900 • FAX: 703-739-9577 • EMAIL: iplaw@larsontaylor.com • CUSTOMER NO. 000881

03/24/2004 WABDELR1 00000084 09914564

02 FC:2202

9.00 OP

Adjustment date: 03/26/2004 WABDELR1 03/24/2004 WABDELR1 00000084 09914564 02 FC:2202 -9 -9.00 OP

RECEIVED MAR 2 9 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER no.

03/26/2004 WABDELR1 00000153 120555 09914564 9.00 OP